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SUBJ: NOMINATION FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT

REF : FY - 76 CPP

1. POST PREPARED IMPLEMENT CPP PROJECT H.5. (IV GRANT FOR WOMEN PROFESSIONALS) BY NOMINATING MRS. EBUN CLARK, SENIOR LECTURER, DEPT. OF ENGLISH, UNILAG, FOR PARTIAL IV GRANT. MRS. CLARK PRESENTLY IN US WITH HUSBAND J.P. CLARK, (HEAD OF UNILAG ENGLISH DEPARTMENT) WHO IS VISITING PROF. AT WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY. (SEE LAGOS 8007). PROPOSE GRANT TRAVEL COMMENCE SPRING, 1976 AND FOCUS ON MRS. CLARK'S INTEREST IN AMERICAN THEATRE. PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDE BROAD EXPOSURE TO ALL ASPECTS OF THEATRE, INCLUDING VISITS TO UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL REPERTORY THEATRES.

2. POST HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TWO GRANTS THIS PROJECT BUT DUE REDUCED COUNTRY ALLOCATION CAN ONLY FUND ONE.

3. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: MRS. EBUNOLUWA BOLAJOKO CLARK

PRESENT POSITION: SENIOR LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH,
UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS, YABA

PAST POSITIONS: SENIOR LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS,
1975; LECTURER, GRADE 1, 1970-75;

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LECTURER, GRADE 11, 1965-70; ASSIST-

TANT LECTURER, 1963-65.

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 17 SEP 2013]; IJEBU-ODE,
WESTERN STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE
US: JULY - SEPT. 1966 ON HOLIDAYS

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO
OTHER COUNTRIES: U.K. 1951 AND REGULARLY SINCE THEN;
FRANCE, ITALY 1962; CANADA 1966;
GHANA 1957; 1968; 1969; DAHOMEY &
TOGO 1964.

PREVIOUS USG GRANT: NONE

VISA ELIGIBILITY: NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE.

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: POST WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY MRS.
CLARK'S BEING IN U.S. WITH HER HUSBAND
THE NOTED NIGERIAN WRITER, TO EXPOSE THIS PRIME EXAMPLE OF
THE NIGERIAN WOMAN PROFESSIONAL TO HER U.S. COUNTERPARTS.
AT UNILAG NOMINEE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING SPEECH AND THEATRE
WORKSHOP PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH DEPT. AND TEACHES DRAMATIC LITERA-
TURE AND CRITICISM. HAVING BEEN TO U.S. ONLY ONCE PREVIOUSLY,
SHE SHOULD BENEFIT FROM CONTACT WITH THEATRE AND DRAMA PROFES-
SIONALS AND THROUGH HER RESPONSIBILITIES AT UNILAG, INCREASE
APPRECIATION FOR U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS IN THEATRE. POSSIBLE
RESULT WOULD INCREASE USE OF AMERICAN MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT
IN UNILAG AND OTHER NIGERIAN THEATRE PRODUCTIONS.

OBJECTIVE OF US VISIT: BY PROMOTING CLOSER TIES BETWEEN
PROFESSIONALS AND ACADEMICIANS IN DRAMA FIELD IN U.S. AND
NIGERIA, INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF EACH
COUNTRY WOULD RESULT, POSSIBLY LEADING TO ACTUAL CULTURAL
EXCHANGES IN FORM OF VISITING THEATRE COMPANIES, ETC. ALSO
CU OBJECTIVES WOULD BE WELL-SERVED WITH GRANT TO OUTSTANDING
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WOMAN PROFESSIONAL LEADER IN THIS IWY.

AVAILABILITY DATE FOR
US VISIT: APRIL, 1976

ALTERNATE: MRS. EMILY AIG-IMOUKHUEDE
GONG GALLERY
LAGOS.

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